

Miss Alice M. Butts

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3. March 1, 1920 " to "Dear Mabel, Sju Clum
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7. April 9, 1927 " to "Dearest Mary, Pyeng yang.
8. Feb. 17, 1928 " to "Dearest Faurie, Aburi ryung
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15. Sept. 5, 1932 " to "Dear Faurie, Pyeng yang
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Grove City Pa.

April 3, 1902.

Dear Pafia & Mamma!

It occurred to me this afternoon that you might perhaps like to have a copy of what I gave in the Presbyterian Church. Before Ethel left we agreed to send each other a copy of our speeches. I received hers this afternoon. And as I was reading it over it struck me you would probably like to read it too and mine also. With Mr. Kulina's report in the Collegian you will have quite an idea of what it is like. I wish I had Mr. Boardman's on the "Relation of the Church to Missions." It was grand, and then I would feel I had the whole thing pretty near. Ethel took her manuscript on the platform with her, but hers was of such a character she could very well-as it was descriptive but mine was of such a nature I
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felt I could not influence the audience so much behind a paper as talking it off to them. So I appeared with a with a little slip of paper 2 or 3 inches square maybe, with the subjects of the different W^or, and laid it on the Bible on the pulpit so it could not be seen. But when one has a message they can most generally tell it.

I enclose a copy of a chain letter which I wish you would continue. Most generally I don't believe in chain letters, but this one I think lacks the objectionable qualities, and should be commended.

I hope you will excuse my writing on both sides of this thin paper, as it was not made for it. I will have to stop for fear of overcrowding the envelope and having to pay double postage, which you know would be terrible! With lots of love,
Alfred

P.S. Will you please return Edith's report in your next as I may need it? I hope I will have the chance this Spring to make some more missionary speeches. Sincerely A. H. B.

Student Volunteer Movement.

The Student Volunteer Movement was called into being in 1886, primarily for the purpose of raising up among our students a sufficient number of candidates to meet the requirements of the various mission boards of North America. It also helps to prepare these candidates for their life work. Its object is also to develop among Christian students who remain at home a sense of their responsibility to sustain and re-enforce the missionary enterprise, by their intelligent sympathy, gifts, prayers and aggressive effort on their behalf.

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for the world's evangelization.

From College halls comes the leaders in all the influential walks of life, & work, therefore, can be more important than that of making student communities strong-holds and propagating centers of missionary intelligence, enthusiasm, and activity.

To carry on this work, regular courses of mission study have been prepared by the Government. 325 classes have already been started.

During the last 4 years the sales of text books and other publications have reached 100,000 copies. As a result of this, well furnished mission libraries can be found in a large majority of our colleges and higher schools of learning. The fact that

students are the principal purchasers of missionary literature is a fair indication of the increased interest taken by students in missions since the inception of the Student Volunteer Movement.

Each year traveling secretaries bring to thousands of students the needs of the non-Christian world, and the claims of missionary service as a life work. Few students leave college today without first having heard this appeal.

About 2,000 volunteers have already sailed and are now working in all parts of the non-Christian world. It was a most impressive scene, the last night of the Convention, when all those who were expecting to go out in the next 12 months were requested

to stand. About a hundred arose and then several told why they had decided to be missionaries and to what field they were going. Then there was a season of silent prayer closed by the male quartett singing "Speed away, speed away!" O, it was most impressive and thrilled me through and through!

The watch word of the Movement, "The evangelization of the world in this generation", has done much in unifying volunteers and Christian workers throughout the world.

To many it has been a strong appeal to devote their own lives to missionary service. To others to do all in their power here for the evangelization of the world.

But only a beginning has been

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made in the work of the Student
Volunteer Movement. The number of
those engaged in mission study
should be greatly increased. The
spiritual life of our higher schools
of learning should be more deeply
developed. Missionary consecration
and missionary progress depends on
the spiritual life. Unless we as students
are bringing to bear upon our lives,
day by day, the Word of God, unless
we are giving ourselves to united and
secret prayer, unless we are
experiencing in our own lives, the
saving power of Jesus Christ, and
unless our hearts are burning with
a longing desire to please and serve
Him, the conditions are wanting for
the development of the true missionary

life. It is when we are conscious of the presence of God that we are most likely to hear and heed His voice.

Far more students of real promise and ability should be enrolled as volunteers. We want the cream of our colleges. The needs of the non-Christian world imperatively demand more workers. They are needed to fill up gaps in missionary ranks. They are needed to press into the regions beyond. The supreme purpose of the Student Volunteer Movement is to enlist soldiers. Why is it that only $\frac{1}{7}$ of the men and only $\frac{1}{6}$ of the women needed by the various mission boards can be found? Why is it that we who profess to love and serve our Master prefer to

remain in this country where 1 in 5 is a Christian and the other 4 have heard the story of Christ's love. time and time again and have as many times turned away? Why do we not obey our Saviour's last command and go out into the regions beyond where only 1 in 100 hundred is a Christian and but few of the 100 hundred and 99 have ever so much as heard His name? Is it right for us who know the blessedness of salvation through Jesus Christ to withhold the Bread of Life from millions who are going down to everlasting doom, because we are too selfish to sacrifice ourselves enough to carry it to them. Half the world has


never heard the name of Christ. There are more heathen in the world to-day than ever before, and they are still increasing faster than our converts. These are facts to which you and I must awaken if we would see our Master crowned King of Kings and Lord of lords. To us He gives His commission "As the Father hath sent me even so send I you." Will you go as He went? Will you go where He sends you? Will you ask Him now where He wants you? As a volunteer myself I beg of you think on these things.

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P.S.) After the service, Dr. Ketter
again pressed forward, and
shook my hand, and said, "I
enjoyed your talk ever so much
this evening, but I had never
heard before that you were a
volunteer Slave, I want to
congratulate you, (and he squeezed
my hand tighter). & I hope you
will have a very bright and
successful life." You can about
imagine how I felt, then he
turned to the others while I
collected myself and shook hands
with Dr. McCoukey.



Pyeong yang Korea

Aug. 12. 1920.

Dear. Mahel:-

(Your lovely letter
was received some time
ago but the cards came only
this week. you may be
assured I was most glad to
receive them both.) I always
enjoy hearing from you;
your letters are always so
nice and newsy and contain
the things I want to hear.

X (I'm looking over the cards

I could not help but notice the care taken in pasting them together and sending them out. There were some little books especially one, "Returned," which had beautiful verses in, and it seemed as though you had sent them especially for me. It must be a great pleasure to have such a nice Mission Band, and I want to thank you and them for these nice cards. You may rest assured that they will be well used.

I am just back from Woonsocket where I went for my vacation. I am feeling fine and am looking forward to the coming year's work with a great deal of pleasure. My secretary who is one of the College boys has been away most of the summer with other students on a preaching tour. He came back most enthusiastic. Of course they had some difficulties, but they got through all right. Some of these preaching bands have found themselves landed in police head quarters to remain varying lengths of time, but not College band crews, though all right for which we

are all very thankful. For one
place they were having their
meeting quietly in a vacant lot
near the church when some police
and guardians came up with their
shining swords, and guns up in
a menacing position frightening
the crowd. The boys immediately
started up a lively piece with
their band, and the people who
had begun to flee in all directions
began to turn back and listen to the
music, when they had their ear
sufficiently, they told them there
was nothing to be afraid of, that
there would be no harm if they sat
down quietly and made no disturbance
so when the band was playing again

they sat down, and the meeting went ahead, although the soldiers and police stood around and made their presence known by rattling their swords, and clicking the triggers of their guns.

They were invited to one place where there were no Christians and as a result of their meetings they found a little church of about 40 new believers. A collection was taken up for a church building which they bought and are now worshipping in ^{according to} ^{later report.} At another place where they were not allowed to hold any public meetings, the people were so anxious to hear, (there were no Christians in this place,) that they spread a fact for

I hope this will find you well & that you will have a very pleasant summer. I am unable to tell the number of your

them out in a pine grove near
the road side. and when the
boys came along the road, they
invited them in quietly, and asked
that while they were sitting they
would please tell them about Christianity.
So they boys talked to them in an informal
way, and had prayer with them
with the result that a number decided
to believe. There seems to be a great desire
to hear more about Christianity, and
the church has planned a "four week
movement" for this year, when special
effort will be made to preach the gospel to
the non-Christians. Pray for us, please
that God's blessing may be upon all this
work and that many may be brought in.
I hope this will find you well & that
you may have a very pleasant summer.
I am unable to tell the number of your

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Pyeong Yang Korea.

Sept. 2. 1922.

Dear Fannie:-

It has been a long time since I have heard from you, and I am not so sure but what it is my fault for I have so many things to attend to, it seems as though sometimes I can not get ~~aboard~~ with them all. But I seem to be pretty well physically and so am able to do it. This last year has been especially busy and torn up because of our rebuilding our new house, but we are nearly through now, and we certainly have a lovely home. We are only putting in our plumbing now, just a year after getting it from America. and it was terribly banged up, a corner taken out of the bathtub, and ~~for the~~ ~~parts~~ ~~broken~~ and enamel chipped off etc. etc. but even so there is nothing out what will hold water, although injured somewhat in appearance, and we are thankful to be able to have these conveniences at all. They say that from to-night on, the whole thing will be in fine working order. We also have electric lights which is something new in the community. They have had lights down in the Japanese sections for years but not up this way. They have come up gradually, until little by little houses all around us began to have them so we decided to have them too. But we have to pay a big high price for them. They put in a meter which allows only so much electricity to be used at one time, and then charge us for that full flow for all night whether it is used or not. ^{There is no day time service} "

Something like the way when we got city water. They came around with measuring lines, and found out how large the house was, and then considered how much a boarding house this size would likely use and fixed the price accordingly. And now for the last two or three summers, from 5 or 6 months of the year they turn it off about 9:00 in the morning and on again at 4:00 P.M. so we are most of the time without it, unless we sit up nights to use it. The lights, water, etc. require sitting up nights if we want the worth of our money!! This all sounds very interesting to a Westerner where things are done for peoples convenience, and not for the money in it. (although I understand, lately, even in dear U.S.A., things are not always done for public convenience but for personal gain!!) But we have the Japs to thank for all these conveniences after all for if they were not here we would probably not have them at all at any price. Pam enclosing a picture of our new house. It looks a little barren around it just now, but we are putting out rose bushes and making flower beds and getting a nice lawn. This summer we put in a crop of barley first, and when well up turned it under, then put in a crop of soy beans, and turned those under, and now we have our second planting of beans, which will be turned in this Fall. In this way we hope to so enrich the soil that we will have a nice lawn out of all this disintegrated soil. The lawns are coming out of the soil is working up fine. We have had lots of rain this summer which was fine for it. But not so fine for the people who live their lives around a man, but we

night, the water came up over the plain back of our house
and made a big lake out of it. Several people were
killed and a lot of houses were destroyed. & some things
of the crops injured. We went up on the city wall, and looked
down upon the little village just below. The water was half up the
sides of some of the houses to wet down, and the water was
gradually rising to those on higher levels. There was a hum of
voices and everybody was busy getting their things out and
one boat was flying it way down the street stopping at the
houses which were already pretty well filled. It was a pathetic
sight. The next day when the water had gone down again
we visited the village and talked to the people along the road.
It was tragic. Some of the houses were flat on the ground. On
Sunday the city churches took collected money for them and the
missionaries helped some too.

On Wednesday our Fall work begins. At that time the
Sunday School teachers come in for a months Bible study
and preparation in their work. I am glad the time has come
to begin again. I love this work so much I am restless if I am not
doing it. Our opportunities here are wonderful, and if we only
had more workers and money things would be fine. But
we are happy anyway, as we feel it is all so worth while.
There can be no real civilization without Christianity as a
foundation, and it is wonderful to watch this people grow
and develop.

I hope you have had a pleasant summer, and
that Cousin Lavin is better than he was in the winter.
I am feeling fine. Mary seems to be having a good time
travelling out West this summer. Several interesting letters
have come while she was gone. I hope you will write as often
as you can. I am as my best! Lovingly (Dick) (P.S. - 11)

Pyeong Yang Korea.

Aug. 18, 1927.

Dear Mrs. Shifman:-

I have just been looking at your lovely pictures which you gave me when I was home - of your dear self, Mabel, and Lowell at the Campbell College in Florida, with them also in the picture and the other ones. I see fine subjects and just love to look at them. It brings back such tender memories, not only of this time home but the past years when I knew you all so well. It seemed strange indeed this time to be in Mansfield and yet not be at home. It made me realize the change that had come in our family. But everyone was all so nice I was greatly comforted and made to feel that my friends were still there anyway. I am so glad the church is going on so nicely. I suppose it is all dedicated and that you are having the full enjoyment of it. I hope that it will grow and become strong filling the place it should in the community.

I reached Korea the end of January, saying good bye to Mary in China a few days after Christmas. I had a very pleasant trip. It was the wisest boat. I have

over crossed the Pacific on - having beds instead of cots.
The cabins were about twice the usual size so it was
very pleasant indeed. I had hardly got my trunks
unpacked and things straightened around again
before I began teaching in a weeks Bible Class held in
the Church where I have charge of the Sunday school.
A few days after it closed I taught in the City Bible
Class for the women of the city. The attendance was
about 400. and was divided into several sections for
efficiency in teaching. Mrs Blair and I had charge
this time. Then a few days after that the country class
for women began running for twelve days with an
attendance somewhere between 70. and 100. I had full charge
of the class and also taught in it. Then after that came the
Bible Institute for two and a half months of which I was
Principal and also teacher. Then pretty soon after that came
annual Meeting. So you see they had a pretty good schedule of
work planned in me when I got back. But I love to teach the Bible
so I have been very happy. Two classes in Sunday school
teachers come this fall beginning Sept. 1st. and then about Oct. 1st
a class for the women who will go out to teach other classes, when they
come to refresh the course of study to be taught this winter. I hope to
go out to a number of these classes in Nov. and Dec. and in January I am
to go to Chas. Pyeung's help in their Bible Institute. So my time is pretty
well taken up with Bible teaching the year round. I was so glad I could
go home by way of Palestine. It will help so much in your teaching.
Please remember me to Mabel and Harvey and Helen and the whole lot
and all my friends in the Church - you are all very dear to me, and I
hope you will continue to encourage us in your prayers. It is not by might
nor by power, yet my spirit can't be true if I do not pray as true to say so ever. Please
let me hear from you again when you can.
yours lovingly Alice M. Butler

Pyeong yang Korea.
April 9, 1927.

Dearest Mary:-

It has been quite a while since I have heard from you, but I hope you are well, and that the Spring work is going well with you. In some ways the Spring is the hardest coming as it does before the summer vacation. Everything is going fine here, and this is evidently the most peaceful place out here. They are having terrible times over in China, and the foreigners are having to leave. Several weeks ago the China Council wrote over to me how many we could take if necessary, and our station replied we would care for 50 Americans and of course will take more if necessary. They are now beginning to arrive, and probably by ~~Sunday~~ Sunday the most of them will be here. We are arranging to take four which will make a family of nine to look after, but we are glad to do it, and that we are near enough at hand to do it. The strain they have been under the last few months has been terrible. A lot of this trouble of course is Russian propaganda. We don't know how long all these people will be here, but they say the steamers are booked for months ahead. Annual meeting comes the end of June, and is to be held here. ~~It will~~ will be some crowd if we have to take all these in addition to all these people.

The Koreans seem quiet, and every thing seems to be going nicely. We are having a fine Bible Institute and I am enjoying it so much. We expect Miss Kings back from Mukden Monday or Tuesday. She has been up near Mukden, helping in the Bible Institute there. She will have some great stories to tell.

She goes home on furlough this summer. We wish some of these China missionaries could talk Korean. There is so much they could do if they could only talk. We may capture some of the newer missionaries hereafter, for our work. The fact that is coming up as one of the questions to consider when they all sit here, so we can talk things over. A good many do not look for an immediate clearing up of affairs and it would be too bad in these new ones to have to go home, when their fields need them so badly. We are sure the Lord of the harvest will direct wisely in all these things, and in His plans He will not forget the needs of you Chinese either in all her distress.

I am feeling fine this Spring and am certainly keener, busier with all the things given me to do. I have been asked to be Chairman of the housing committee in Annual Meeting. I we sure will have to do some still planning to get every body tucked away comfortably. We know you will not forget us all and China in your prayers. "Prayer changes things" you know! and the words of Hosea are made to praise Him.

Well it is getting late and I must stop in this time with lots & lots of love

Alice

Alice M. Butts
Pyeongyang
Korea.

1928

Mrs. L. B. McIntyre.
44 William St.
Bradford
Penna.

U.S.A.



MISS ALICE BUTTS TO SPEAK

Next Sunday morning, May 16, Miss Alice Butts, of Korea, will speak at the Presbyterian church on her work in Korea as a missionary. Miss Butts was formerly a resident of Mansfield, and her many friends here will welcome the opportunity of hearing her. The choir will sing a Jubilate and there will also be a vocal solo by Miss Carmen Milliren, of the Normal.

THE VEDDER STUDIO
The Photographers in Mansfield

1924

Chai yung Korea.

Feb. 17. 1828.

Dearest Fannie:-

I wonder whether you are
back from your trip to California
or not, any way by the time this
letter reaches you, you will probably
be home again. When you were
there and saw the big sea liners,
and how comfortable they are, and
you think of me, and want to
jump on to one of them and take
a nice sail across the big yards,
and come over and visit me?
It is so dry here yet seems so far!
No doubt while you were there
you took the water (Paitin
like some water, or down to
Lanai, etc. I wish that a wonderful
trip? When I was back this last
time I went that way and
saw though it was winter it

it was a wonderful trip. The glimpses
of the ocean from time to time were
delightful, and the colorings of the
mountains and everything made
it one of the prettiest trips I have ever
taken. I got out of the Grand
Canyon and saw that too.

It hardly seems it is now
over a year since I came back to sea.
Just now I am here in a neighboring
station helping in their Bible
Institute for a month. There are 126
women studying and I am enjoying
it very much indeed. I am teaching
Romans, 1st Corinthians, and Luke
and going out with the women for
personal work, attending at various
after meetings for conference and prayer,
quite a few classes & much in
non-Christian homes in this way.

I expect to go back to Peking by my next
week Saturday 20 is to be there on
our country class which begins
the next week. I have been home
but little since the middle of last
November 20 since beginning to
feel as though it would be long to get
home and with some expense. I went
out for five country classes last week
early. On one trip up in the
mountains where I had two classes
I rode my pack on horseback about
200 li. (100 miles), besides going and
coming is for 100 miles by mule.
It certainly was some trip but they
were both good classes. - one with
an attendance of 13 and the other 8.
So I felt it was quite a trip.

Then after three more classes I went to
work on business and then on to Peking
to all that my eyes. This was the perfect
time to go because it was too cold to fight

and besides the soldiers and every body
were getting ready for China New year
which came Jan 23rd. Then after I had
been here a few days I was gone
here for a month. So you see I will be
glad to get back home to stay for a
while. But I am happy and enjoy
going about in this way teaching Gai's
Word, and liberating people's souls.

Well I have written quite a letter
and must stop now. I hope you
are well and will write often. Please
remember me to Mrs. and all the other
family. Yours lovingly
Alice.



will reach you all right.

I am out in the country most of
the time now, holding Bible
Classes, and am going again
to morrow morning. I am feeling
unusually well this year so which
I am very thankful. I hope you are
well too, and may have a very happy
Christmas, and the coming year be the
best yet. With lots of love Alice.

Dear Fannie:-

This Thanksgiving evening
my mind turns home to the
loved ones there, and I am taking
a little time to write greetings to
a few of them hoping it may
reach you in time for Christmas.

A little remembrance will be on
its way to you too, and I hope it

Pyung Yang Korea.

Oct. 24, 1928.

Dear Fannie:

I was just about ready to write to you when your last letter in its unique envelope arrived. It came beautifully even though it went half way round the world. You must have had a most wonderful trip. It made me think of my visit up in the Adirondacks some fifteen years ago. I am glad however that it is not on account of your health you were there this summer. It must be lovely and cool up there among the trees those hot summer days. I went up in the Diamond Mountains this summer with some friends, and had a good time. I wrote quite a description of it down to Mary and then the thought came to me that perhaps you and some of my friends might enjoy reading it so I had it taken off on the typewriter by my Secretary. He made a few mistakes but I guess you can read it all right, and perhaps your missionary society would be interested too. I think it is wonderful how you were able to climb about, over high mountains. I enjoyed it too but am somewhat younger. When I get to your age I am afraid I will not feel so much like it!

Since coming back I have conducted two Bible Classes of two weeks each, helped in the revival meetings held this Fall, a union of our 12 Presbyterian churches here in the city. They were very successful with several hundred converts. Then I went

out in the country for a class for a week. We had over seventy women and girls in the class even though this is a busy time for farmers. I taught parts of Daniel and 2nd Corinthians and the other 2 Korean teachers also had 2 subjects each. We finished our study in the forenoon and went out preaching in the heathen houses ^{in the P.M.} We were usually well received and there were many converts. At the meetings we held in the evening. Men wanted to come too, but our efforts are for the women, and there are other opportunities for the men to hear. Korea is changing rapidly in her contacts with the outside world, but she still loves to study the Bible, and people are convicted of sin when they hear the Gospel. Christianity is better known than it used to be so there are more intelligent decisions, and when we talk to them in their homes, there is a much better point of contact than there used to be. When we introduce ourselves, as coming to tell them about Jesus, they have a better idea of what we are going to say than they used to have. It used to be so difficult to get the ideas across, but now there has been so much preaching and teaching done through the years, they know something about it to begin with, which is a great help.

According to your letter Elizabeth was married last Saturday. I hope she has a nice husband and will be happy all through the coming years. I love to hear from you and I hope you will write often, and I will try to be good about answering. But some of my days are so full, I often have to work evenings too, and it is hard getting everything done I want to do. Fortunately I am well and enjoy my work, but it sure does keep me bustling.

Please give my love to Mrs Jewell too,

yours most lovingly
Alice M. Butler

ALICE M. BUTTS
PYENGYANG
KOREA

Soai Beach Korea

Aug. 7, 1929.

Dear Fannie:-

I came down here last week for a few days rest during the heat of the summer. Today is rainy, and it is just pouring. So I told the other ladies in the house I was going to write a lot of letters today. I wish you could hear it rattle on our tin roof. One of our missionaries said at our meeting a few weeks ago that he heard it rain on a tin roof in China not so long ago. They live in one of our smaller stations way off the railroad and have

a perfectly splendid radio. So they
get things from all over the world.
Of course a lot of it is in languages
they can not understand. But this
person was giving an English address
in Java, and all of a sudden a storm
came up and he had to stop because
it made so much noise. He asked
them if they could hear it on the tin
roof. So they listened. and sure enough
pat, pat it came down! When it
stopped he went on with his address.
He said his favorite station in the
U.S. was Schenectady, N. Y. But the
time is very inconvenient, because you
steal our rights on your days. and

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from eight to ten at night, when
most of the concerts are over it is
ten and twelve the next morning with
us, and at that time of day we are
too busy to be sitting around with
natives. Do you isn't it that the sun
can't rise and set at the same time
all over the world.

I am glad you wrote me of Mrs.
Lidley's death. To her, it must have
been a wonderful relief. But how
sorrowful he must feel. His thoughts
are probably with her most of the
time. What a wonderful thing to
know that there is a place waiting

in the children of God where there
will be no more pain or sorrow
but joy forever more in His presence.
There have been some wonderful
deaths and experiences out here,
similar to those we heard about at
Lanier, and it is all so glorious and
wonderful. A great testimony to the
truth of the Gospel. How wonderful that
God should so love us as to give His only
begotten Son that whosoever that believeth
in His should not perish but have
everlasting life.

I am enclosing a station letter
telling about our work. You will be especially
interested in the latter part which tells of our
women's work, and what has been done this
last year. I hope you will write often for I love
to hear from you. Please remember me to Mrs
Jewell
With lots & lots of love, Alice.

PYENGYANG, KOREA

Jan. 28th.
1937

Dear Bessie dear —

Thanks so much for your loving Christmas greetings. It was so thoughtful of you when your heart was so full and hands so busy caring for your dear father when you yourself were not well. Perhaps he has gone now and you are feeling the loneliness of his departure. but with time it is far better to depart and be with the Lord. and you have the comfort of knowing you will meet again in that beautiful land where there will be no more partings. When we see our loved ones

gathering home it makes us want
to be found ready when the summons
come for us doesn't it? Well I have
several over on the other side too, as
most of us do when we come to our age,
and it gives a glory and sublimity to life
nothing else could.

In spite of troubles all around us
we seem to be perfectly peaceful so far,
and ^{as} is so often the case when there is
distress all around people seek comfort
and refuge in the Gospel. So we are
finding our Bible Classes and Bible
Institute much larger this year.

I'm about a couple of weeks I expect to
be in Manchuria to be gone till the
end of March. First I am to hold a
Bible Class for our Koreans in Mukden

from Feb. 11-17, and from there to go as far
as Tsau by train and then by Chinese
cart to our station at S'ing pin. It will
probably take two or three days to make the
trip but hope to get there by Saturday night.
It is our best & finest most remote
station, and the Cooks are bound on furlough
so it leaves only the Hendersons there
so we have to help out in the work.

The Kisslers went up for the Miss
Bible Inst. and are excited back in -
say a two, and I am to go and help in
the two Miss Bible Institutes. The
Institute is to close on 22nd or 23rd
and I hope to get back to Peking again
for a day or so. Bible Inst
opens March 3rd. and as I am principal
there will be separations to be made.

I can hardly wait till the ~~trick~~ is over
is hear about their ~~experiences~~ In some
places things are quiet and in some
there is considerable trouble and the
names going to Millden have been fired
on within the last few days. But the Lord
takes care of His children. A little girl was
crossing the river on ^{one of our Bible boats} rather weak when
someone asked her if she was afraid, she uttered
surprised at the question and asked "
Why would God let anyone going to Bible
boats fall into the water?" and she said not fully.

I will have some interesting things
to tell and will write you later about it all.

Perhaps this reaches you in time for
your birthday. May it be a happy one to you
and the coming year be the happiest
and best yet in His love and service.

Much, much love to you, my
dear and God bless you.

Please also give E. your sincere friend
my love to your
near sisters.

Wm. M. Butler,

PYENGYANG, KOREA

Sin Piu Manchuria.
March 2, 1932.

Dear Fannie:-

I was so glad to receive your good Christmas greetings and card. Two ^{years} more and I expect to be back home again for another furlough. - How quickly time does go. As you see by the heading of this letter I am not in Korea but up in the wilds of Manchuria. - that part of the world you have been reading about in your papers lately. We have one station up in Manchuria for the thousands of Koreans who have come up here the last few years. I came up to Mukden and then took another train for about

three hours, when a Chinese cart drawn
by four mules was waiting for me. In
this springless two wheeled affair I
bumped over the remaining 50 miles to
Sin Pind. It was some trip I assure you.
But way back at Annual meeting time
I had been asked to come up here this
winter to help in the women's Bible
Institute. Of course, then, there was no
thought of the present difficulties between
China and Japan. However, now that
Japan's attention is in Shanghai there
is no special fighting going on around
here at the present time. The only trouble
is that the country is still disturbed because
of what has happened. Bandits are running
loose everywhere, and the whole country is
upset. The one thing I feared coming up here
was that I might run into one of these big end

bands running about on horseback seeking
whom they may devour. Crossing a mountain
pass I was told that a Chinese had been
carried off for a 40,000, Mex dollar ransom
about two weeks before. Once I saw a band of
mounted men approaching us, and I thought
perhaps we were going to meet some, but
they proved to be mounted soldiers who
smiled at us as they passed. I had only the
saint necessities with me, so they would not
have gotten much if they had wanted too.
They say foreigners are not carried off for
ransom up here in Manchuria. Still one
never knows at such times what might
be done. Missionaries up here have to travel
at a time to do their work, in caring for
the churches scattered all over this land.
No harm can come to God's children, and the
Kaiser will protect them. Mr. Henderson
... & Mr. Cook could tell many an interesting
tale of their experiences up here. This is a

combination station consisting of these
two ^{families} members of our Mission ^{in the houses} and 2 families
of the Scotch Presbyterians in the Chinese.

The work here is not large and there are
only 23 women in the Bible Institute, but
I enjoy teaching them very much. It is
difficult to report workers up here, even
anything we can do to train their own
leaders is very important. Sunday School
teachers and Bible women are greatly needed
every where.

On my way up here from Peking I
stopped in Mukden for a Bible class of
a week for the women in our Korean
church there. We have about 350 Christians
in Mukden, and a good many women
come in from other places too for the
Bible class so I had a good time.
On the way down below you remember the
there were 139 women who paid the tax
fee for the privilege of studying. While there
I went to see the Korean refugee camp where

a large number of are being cared for.

There are 3 such camps in Mukden caring for about 3000 refugees, and there are other camps outside of Mukden where about as many more are being cared for. It was entirely synthetic. At this camp they are using the old Chinese barracks. The soldiers have all fled and it makes a good place to take care of these people who fled on account of the disturbed conditions when the Japanese came in. They were crowded into these places thicker than flies, and there was much sickness and discomfort. They will be glad when ~~some~~ ~~at~~ ~~last~~ ~~comes~~. One of them owns a little school for boys, which he was teaching. There are a few Christians among them and they and the Mukden Church people are trying to improve the opportunity of reaching people's hearts by holding meetings and doing personal work. People are receptive at times like this. While holding the class I went into the Chinese city two or three times, but the

House did not like to leave here, because feelings were still running pretty high. I was shocked to see the large number of closed shops where the owners fled when the government and soldiers fled when the Japanese came on. Thousands of Chinese went at that time.

I noticed that although there were new autos around now were driven by Chinese, on asking why they said the Japanese had seized all they could get hold of. One Chinese owner was actually killed when he refused to give up his car. So now those who have cars have hidden them. Such is life! We talk about peace, but where is it. I am afraid we won't have it till the Prince of Peace himself comes and gives peace. May God grant that the time may speedily come when he will come to reign.

I expect to be here until in about 3 more weeks, hoping to get back to Peking Yangtze, Saturday March 26.

I hope this finds you well, and that it is some winter weather has not been too hard on you. Please let me hear from you often. I love to hear from you. I am feeling fine and happy. Lovingly your cousin

Alice.

PYENGYANG, KOREA

Aug. 19, 1932,

Dear, dear Sister Berrie:-

How lovely of you to write to me to see so often and send me your beautiful verses. It must be wonderful to be able to express one's self so beautifully. The enclosed \$1⁰⁰. was exchanged and became three yen which I used to help a poor woman in the Bible Institute. Her husband is an opium fiend and their home life is, terrible. But she keeps brave and strong, and has found the 2½ months study in the Bible Institute during the Spring months such a help and encouragement. She graduated this

spring, and her expenses were a little too much for her to carry along, so your gift was greatly appreciated. We had over two hundred women in our Institute this spring. The attendance has about doubled the last two years, which shows how much God's word is loved by these dear women, and they want it spiritually taught too! They do not want mere theory but that which will bring them so close to Christ, that they can live better and more victorious lives because of the strength received from Him. For that reason I just love to teach them!

In spite of the disturbed conditions north of us our work is going on the same as ever. This fall we are planning a

country wide evangelistic campaign
in which both Methodists and Presbyterians
^{will} take part. Not only are evangelistic
meetings to be held ^{but} personal work done,
and the Bible be especially put to the front.
A life of Christ has been prepared taking sections
from the different Gospels, and putting
them together to form a short life of Christ.

These are given out as "samplers", and these
are followed by colporters selling the Bible,
and in this way we hope to get the Bible
in many non-Christian homes, and
get every body to reading the Bible.

I hope you will pray for us much. - we want
to make this people Bible conscious and
through it God conscious, whether they
many accept or not, and many will accept
we know. We have a fine work among
the young people and children, which too

can't help but have its results in later years, as they grow up and take their places in society.

While things are going so nicely with us, our friends in Manchuria are having a hard time. You know I went to Sin Pui to help in the Bible Institute and evidently I got away just in time, for it was not long before they rebelled against the new Manchukuo government with the result that guns were set up on the hill side above our compound and shot over our houses to keep the city in "subjection" while air planes whizzed over head. The result of it all was many killed and injured and the people put in a panic. For a time the Hendersons with whom I staid when I was there, did not know whether they could get out or not for Annual meeting, the road being so unsafe from bandits.

evidently for reasons we will see later
Everything went beautifully for a while and
then ~~some~~ ^{they} saw what were supposed to
be bandits, the word soon passed, and
confusion followed. The Henderson cast was
about in the middle of the procession, and
when every body lashed up their mules
and made a stampede they were in the
road next too, which only quieted down
when they found they were not bandits
after all. However, their fears were not
without ground, for they passed a wayside
lean devil shrine full of booty (clothes, bedding ^{etc.})
which some poor unfortunate travellers
had been robbed of, which showed they
were in the vicinity. Finally they came to
the largest city along the way, with wall
and gates. When they had entered they

found the gates were closed behind them
 and when they came to the other end
 the gates were closed so they could not get out.
 They were jammed in! What happened
 there the Hendersons said they had never
 seen the like of before. The penalty for not
 obeying the law about fleeing was that any
 soldiers meeting them could murder them.
 So this soldier escort turned audit as it
 were and took every thing they had.
 The confusion, and cries, and everything
 was terrible. That was the end of the string of
 carts that had followed them. The Henderson
 cart was excepted because they were Americans
 and did not come under the rule, and had
 received permission before going. But it was
 terrible for the others. Such is life just a little
 to the north of us. We should pray much for the
 faithful missionaries who must work and
 situate among the churches under such conditions.
 Japan has made Manchuria angry, and beware of
 an angry China man! Well I must stop for now.
 I hope your kind regards you much improved. May God be with

and all kinds of lawlessness, but about the time they wanted to go a Chinese official was also wanting to go to the railroad (about 30 miles of travel by ~~road~~ cart to ~~the~~ there you know.) So he was getting an escort from the soldiers to protect him. So the Hendersons asked if they could go too and were given permission. So they thought everything was set for a good trip out. But a number of people in the city thought this was a good opportunity to flee from the troubles there. Even though they had been told by the government that no one was to leave the city for refuge anywhere. So when the Hendersons started they found a big procession of other carts, going with them. The ~~official~~ soldiers made no objections.

This page got skipped out, so will use the space to say I sent you a few days ago a copy of our "Christian Messenger" with an account in it about my 25th Anniversary. You can't read it, I am sorry to say, but you can see the pictures, and see what a joyous is like out here. Our papers and books begin at the back!

The Koreans gave me two celebrations. One by the Church in which I work, and one by our Bible Institute in which everybody took part. They gave me a lot of pretty presents and made me feel very happy by all the lovely things they said. The Koreans are lovely!

PYENGYANG, KOREA

Aug. 17. 1932.

Dear, dear Cousin Fannie:-

You are so good about writing to me,
and I am so bad. I am ashamed, what
shall I do! I just love to get your letters, they
are always so interesting and newsy, and
besides you are one of us, you know. - one of
my very, very few few cousins. When I am
home I am so busy I don't know what to do
sometimes, besides my regular work. Just feel
me coming all the time for help or advice or
something so that by night my head is in
a whirl, and often don't get to bed till eleven
or later. So letters just get crowded out, and
I have two big letters, writing times, in
Feb or March when I am out of the station
teaching in some Bible Institute and

in the summer during vacations. At those times I try to make my letters long enough to make up for my badness the rest of the time! I am glad you received my letter from Sui Pir, for it ~~seems~~^{is} like such a wild place up there and so far from the railroad (about 50 miles.) it seemed like a venture of faith to mail anything. I got back from up there in the nick of time for it was not long before that whole section was in a turmoil. The Japanese have certainly stirred up a mess! And lawlessness and banditry is everywhere. In stead of subduing what bandits there were, they have made many thousands more. But every thing is as nice and peaceful as a basket of chips down here.

Do you realize it is 25 years since I first came to Korea? 1907-1932! It hardly seems possible does it! The Koreans however remembered it and gave me a fine celebration this Spring. The first was by the Hyeung Chang Gate Church where I have charge of the Women's Sunday-School. I am enclosing a volume sung by the Pastor on the occasion. I am afraid the translation is not very ^{rhythmic} ~~lyric~~ in the English, but it certainly was well done in the Korean and he sang it beautifully to one of their old Korean tunes. In spite of their poverty these dear people also gave me many pretty presents.

The other celebration was by the Bible Institute at central Seoul, with a fine feast and everything. Some of the "afterdinner toasts" were side splitting. I received so many presents

on ~~this~~ occassion I hardly knew what to do to thank them properly. They are so loving and appreciating and yet are so poor to do anything. You have probably received the church paper giving an account of it. I am sorry you can't read it, but you can see the picture. And also see what our papers out here are like. They begin at the back instead of the front as ours do!

On Sept 1st, our work begins again for the week when the women come in for our workers class, to prepare to hold Bible Classes in the country churches. For inspite of the conditions up north of us our work is going on the same as ever. This Fall we are planning a country wide evangelistic campaign in which both Methodists and Presbyterians will take part. Not only are evangelistic meetings to be held but personal work done.

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I am so glad you saw Miss Black.
She is an interesting, enthusiastic girl
isn't she? She was one of a party of us
who went through the Diamond
mountains to gether a few years ago.
She is a fine worker and probably gave
you a good talk on Korea. I will be looking
for my handkerchiefs! Thanks so much.

I am sorry to hear of your brother's illness
and hope he is much better. I think it is
perfectly wonderful how well you keep.
In a couple of years more I hope we will see
each other again. I sure had a fine time in
your home the last time I was home!

Please remember me to Mrs Jewell. I would
like to see Dr. Patterson, though I do not know him
very well, as he is a Southern Presbyterian and
located in another part of Korea. However, coming
from the same country we always like to reach
each other. Must stop for now, as it is dinner time.
With lots & lots of love, your cousin Alice.

Pyeongyang

Sept. 5, 1932.

Dear Fannie:

Of course I know Howard Rhodes, and all his family well! Dr. Rhodes, his father, who wrote the article you sent, attended Grove City College the same time I did and graduated the next year after us.

As for Inai Beach, - it is our great summer resort, and most of my summer letters to you were written from there. I own a cottage there, and it is a perfectly lovely place. Wish you could come out some time and enjoy it with me. You would never find some of those lovely sun sets!

you are getting quite an idea
of Korea from these different
contacts aren't you! I am so glad
you saw Miss Black, and now
the Rhoads, - they are a fine wholesome
family.

We are busy now with our wakers
Class. It began last Thursday and
besides having charge of it, I am
teaching Romans. Also this week
we are having General Assembly
meeting of our Korean Presbyterian
Church, and there will be many
people here from all over Korea
both Koreans and missionaries.
Before General Assembly the General
Board of all our Presbyterian Missionary
Societies meet for 2 or 3 days, so between
the two meetings there will be a
great many guests here, we
expect. We expect to have 4 missionary
ladies with us in our home.

But it is nice and cool here now
and after such a nice restful
summer one feels quite like work.

I am so glad you are feeling so well
and happy. I have had an

you probably have about received
the letter I wrote to you this summer.

unusually good year. need our
healing fire. Two years from this
summer I expect to see you again
if all goes as usual. It hardly seems
possible another term has nearly
come. Well I must stop for I must
look at my Romans a while before
going to bed. Love to Mrs. Jewell too.
your loving cousin
Alice



Pyeongyang
Women's Bible Institute
Spring of 1932.

A happy bunch!

Pyongyang, Korea.
May 5th, 1933.

Dear Friends:-

The nurse was making rounds of the dormitories to see if any of the 1,552 women and girls needed her attentions. "Please, nurse, give me some medicine for my legs," said one woman. "They are so bad I can't go up and down steps at all. It's serious." "When did the trouble start?" asked the nurse. "Four days ago: - in fact the very day I left home to come to this class", replied the woman. "How did you come?" "Walked." "And how far?" "About one hundred and ten miles - in three days" replied the woman; and was astonished and disappointed when the nurse did not give her any medicine for her "bad" legs!

From the north, south, east and west the women pour in for the big Spring Bible class, on foot, with their bedding and food on their heads and babies on their backs; by rickety auto bus, over unspeakably bad roads, and by train. They swarm over our Bible Institute compounds, and crowd the dormitories and class rooms until one wonders how they exist. They don't enjoy the crowding; but they like the spiritual stimulus of the day-break prayer meetings, the inspiration of the hours of Bible Study, and the fellowship of the hundreds of Christian women. It is a wonderful twelve days - the greatest event in the year!

During the winter, one-week Bible classes for women were held in 210 country churches in Pyongyang district, with an attendance of 11,279 women and girls. And in addition to that, thousands studied in joint classes with the men. And they joined also in the Evangelistic Campaign, in house-to-house preaching and in distributing the "Life of Christ." One group of about fifty women pledged themselves to give 550 days of personal work among their unbelieving neighbors. That's how the Gospel news is spreading.

The Pyongyang city women also had their classes, by individual churches and in a union class held in our Bible Institute buildings, where about one thousand women gathered daily for a week to study the Bible. It was a fine class, nineteen churches joining in.

The attendance in all these classes shows a large increase over former years; the work is growing by leaps and bounds, in spite of depressions and criticisms. We don't be discouraged, you who save your nickels and your dollars for missionary collections: there's no depression here, at least in the desire of the Korean Christian women for Bible study! There are problems and difficulties that add your anxiety, but there is no sure that is encouraging, so much that rewards your loyalty and faithfulness, that we want you to know it and rejoice with us. And you will be glad to know that these classes are practically self-supporting. The women pay a small fee which covers "over head", and the teachers devote their time without charge.

The enclosed card shows some of the 1,552 women and girls who enrolled for the Bible class.

PYENGYANG, KOREA

Aug. 30. 1933.

Dear Cousin Fannie:-

I always enjoy hearing from you - your letters are always so newswy, and I am glad you are getting over the flu so well. My note about seeing you, and was glad you were feeling better. I am due to go home next year, but the finances of our Board of Missions is in such a bad condition they are asking us to stay over a year, so probably it will be 1936 when I go home. But time goes quickly home, and

I am just back from a little rest at our usual place at Soai Beach, and feel like doing another year's work. When we got back we found our gardeners in fine condition. During our absence our tomato patch had yielded enough to make a hundred tins which ~~were~~^{had} done at the cannery connected with the agricultural department of our college.

Did I thank you for that lovely Mt. St. Helens? It is so darling & pretty I will enjoy seeing it
Miss Black gave me the book "Handwriting" some time in '80.

The young people here are having a conference under the auspices of the Y.M.C.A. with about 200 in attendance, mostly from our Christian schools here. They are a wide awake inquiring bunch of young people, thinking how to help the church, and be a blessing to society in general. Next week our workers class begins in which teachers are prepared to go out and teach Bible classes in the country churches. Last year these women held 200 classes. Our General Assembly meets at Ocean View also next week, and for a couple of days before it begins the General Missionary Society of all the Presbyterians meets and lays out its year's program. We are supporting a young woman missionary (a Korean) among the Chinese in Shanghai Provincial China. Since I am on one of the committees I have to go to that too. So my year's work is already opening up. I just love it all, and am very happy. We want all our work to be out in front for the Lord in every way. May He keep us true to Him and His word these dangerous days. I hope this finds you well. Please remember us to Mrs. Jewell.
With lots and lots of love, Alice.

ALICE BUTTS

Pyongyang, Korea,
Feb. 27, 1937.

Dear Friends:

Many times have I thought of the lovely furlough enjoyed in the homeland when I saw so many of you my friends. Since coming back I have felt greatly refreshed and ready to take up my work again, which, as heretofore, has been largely teaching Bible Classes in the city and country and in Bible Institutes.

In one of my classes out in the country a detective came to our evening meetings and also to some of the morning classes as well. At the very beginning of the class he picked a flaw in my Bible woman's evening address which resulted in her being called down to the police station for a reprimand. However we felt some consolation in the fact that before the class closed both he and his wife were among those who decided to become Christians. Reports from them a few months later showed she was attending church well, but that because of his position and other things, he was not doing as well. We are glad however he was impressed enough to want to make a start and let us pray that in the end he may join his wife in making theirs a truly Christian home.

Previously, when I was at this place three or four years ago, a woman had decided to believe and asked us to come and burn her fetishes. It was in the evening and it seemed rather spooky to go around with a flash light hunting for old clothing, rice and various other things put around in different places as offerings to the spirits. But we gathered them together and they made a fine blaze in the evening shadows. On returning this time I was so pleased to find her active in the church and apparently very happy in her Christian life. She was delighted to see me and gave me a bottle of berry juice as a token of her love and appreciation. What a joy to come back and find the little seed sown growing up into such a fine plant.

The next place I went to for another Bible class was way up in the mountains, where twenty-five years ago I was taken sick with pneumonia. It was nearly a hundred miles from home where traveling had to be done by being carried in a chair by four coolies over impossible roads. I went to a near-by hospital at a gold mining camp for treatment. The mountains were high, steep and forbidding, and I often had to walk over places where it was impossible for the coolies to carry me. Life out here was very primitive. But through the years this mountain town has gradually become a thriving center of trade for all the little hamlets scattered up the different valleys. This fall, though the mountains were still high and steep, I went out by auto over well graded roads, in an amazingly short time compared to the old days and found that the room given me and the church were lighted with electricity and what is more we had the radio to entertain us. Such are the changes of a few years. ~~There~~ are many Christians now scattered up and down these valleys.

After this class we went a little further on over a high mountain pass where, as we climbed higher and higher, we could look back on our winding curves far down the mountain side below. But the road was well graded and our car seemed to enjoy climbing up into the clear air at the top of the pass. A foreign woman has seldom been seen in this far away place. I was entertained in a home where the shy little bride had arrived only on Saturday and after enjoying her room over Sunday gave it up to me for the week while she went into the other room to live with the family. Her lovely brass trimmed chests looked so pretty standing on the side of the room, and some of her things were still

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After this class we went a little further on over a high mountain pass where, as we climbed higher and higher, we could look back on our winding curves far down the mountain side below. But the road was well graded and our car seemed to enjoy climbing up into the clear air at the top of the pass. A foreign woman has seldom been seen in this far away place. I was entertained in a home where the shy little bride had arrived only on Saturday and after enjoying her room over Sunday gave it up to me for the week while she went into the other room to live with the family. Her lovely brass trimmed chests looked so pretty standing on the side of the room, and some of her things were still

unopened. She and the young groom seemed to enjoy getting acquainted by singing from the hymn book, and learning new ones, and it was a joy to listen to them for one could not but feel that here was a happy home in the making for it was being founded with Christ at the center. The young man is here at present studying in the Men's Bible Institute.

My next class was at a church where one is well entertained, but the people are far too rich and comfortable to exercise themselves very much to come to the class. The attendance was small in proportion to the Sunday church attendance. But when we left we were so burdened with presents it was difficult getting on and off the train. After attending a class like this, one can appreciate our Lord's commendation of Mary rather than Martha by saying that she had chosen the better part. Many of these people are being made rich by the large apple orchards surrounding the town. These apples are known far and wide for their special quality.

For several years we have enjoyed inviting to our missionary homes the women workers in the city churches to talk over problems and how to meet them as well as to have fellowship in prayer together. Our meetings come monthly and it was a joy to entertain about forty of them in our home this last month.

We also had about the same number in for our station supper a few days before. This was in accordance with our long time custom of having a meal together, served by different groups of ladies each month at the time of our station meeting. Most of our contacts day by day are in connection with our work so that these times of fellowship together as well as opportunity for united prayer concerning the problems in our work are especially appreciated and looked forward to with anticipation.

We greatly covet your prayer help for our work. The winter term of our Bible Institute is nearly at a close, and next month we will be having three large women's Bible classes of a week each, at which the attendance is usually between 700 and 800 each. Two are Presbytery classes which we used to hold in one but became so large we had to divide, and the other is for all our city churches. The women and girls greatly appreciate this opportunity for the study of God's Word together. The spring term of our Women's Bible Institute opens in April. We need your prayers not only for our evangelistic work, but especially for our educational problems which continue to bristle with difficulties. Prayer is power and can be exercised far or near and we know He will hear and answer.

To those of you who are connected with our Northumberland Presbyterial I would be greatly obliged if you would share this letter and Pyengyang News with such other societies in your church as are connected with our Presbyterial.

May our Lord be with you and bless you in all your labors of love for Him and give you the joy of seeing much success. Let us not forget to uphold each other much in prayer.

As ever your friend and fellow worker,

Alice M. Butts.

Regarding Mrs Van Ness's question
regarding picture cards, please
tell her we are always glad to
receive them. In my letters to
her I always speak of how grateful
we are and I hope she will send
again this year. I hope she has
received my last letter written Aug 10.
I also wrote last winter as well as
last fall. Give her my love. She is a dear.
Please she etc. these letters thanking her.

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Pyeongyang.

Sept. 23, 1940.

Dearest Mary:-

I was so pleased to receive your letter this ~~just~~ after-noon but am perfectly amazed to hear about a mid August frost, hard enough to spoil a buckwheat crop. Even the elements seem to be terribly upset. I was at Pitsileo China at that time, and it was terribly cold - that is because we had our summer clothes on and the thermometer went down to 65 or 70 degrees, which is considerably below normal heat in winter and

This is the third day of this reign
of "terror" and there is still a week as
it is to run till the first of Oct. To-day
they say is a big holiday when the
spirits in the shrines are given
an outing and are paraded through
the streets.

The papers are probably as full
of European news, that probably
you do not hear much about
what is going on out here. The
Japanese Empire is being reconstructed
to more adequately care for the
"New-Tree in Asia" which they are
usharing in. It is to be constructed
vertically. So the Church must be
constructed vertically, too, so as to fit
into the scheme. So all the churches
in Japan must unite into one
big church with a head man at
the top - sort of a Pope, who has the

one has on winter clothes. But if
it had gone down to freezing
& surely would have frozen!
With all the shot & shell and
bombing the atmosphere must be
affected all over the world, and
one wonders what the finale will
be. There is a special drive out to
round up every body with "dangerous
thoughts" that is - all those who do
not agree with the Gov. about the
China & without, service, going etc.
Of course there have been many
arrests here, but they are hoping
to do it up here this time. They
have had some w. elders, pastors and other
dangerous persons have been
arrested over the country, which of
course includes many from here.

authority of the church in his
hands. So that when the Gov. commands
him to do something he can put into
operation machinery which will
be felt clear down to the very toes of the
church, not only the church but
every thing must be brought into
control of the Gov. according
to the papers three things ^{of the church} are required
1st. The reorganization of all the
denominations into one church.
2nd. Forego all grants from Mission
Boards. (It is a disgrace to receive
foreign money.)
3rd. The voluntary withdrawal
of all missionaries. It shall be
denounced. Perhaps you can
not understand this latter, for
it takes a person who has lived
here and seen things to know how

"voluntary" things are "demanded"

We have just had an illustration of this in that the Koreans were told they would have to change their names to Japanese names voluntarily before the end of August. If by that time you have not done it - well too bad! Nothing so far has happened that I have heard of however!

These three actions concerning the church appeared in the Japan Advertiser and are supposed to be actions to be voluntarily taken by the church. Day before yesterday a very high up man in Japanese Christian circles came here for the purpose of explaining all this to us. He is touring the country evidently for this purpose and talked to our community last Saturday. He is Bishop of head of the Japanese Methodist Church and one of the main ones who are putting this across in the church. He said the first two statements in the paper were

He talked quite a while, was very smooth and polished & spoke good English. After a while he sat down and told us to ask questions. One of the first was what the church thought about this third joint. He evidently was expecting and wanting this question for he had his answer practically all carefully written out. He said it was discussed in a group of the leaders of the denomination and although there was no action taken he felt that the consensus of opinion was that if any missionary felt in his conscience that his work was done (in the light of present conditions) the church would not hinder his going home. He was very polite and tactful in all his ~~no~~ words about us, but most of us got the idea from what he said that in absence rather than presence would be appreciated. Otherwise why should he be leaving the country.

correct and that they were working for and would probably consummate church union very soon. There is to be a meeting of all the denominations the middle of Oct. to make recommendations to be acted on by the different church bodies concerning this church union and use of foreign funds. As for the third regarding foreign missionaries it was probably only professed (or wishful thinking!). He said the church did not want to take any action regarding the "beloved missionaries". However mission schools would have to be reorganized and have no foreign presidents, principals or deans of departments; all must be Japanese. Also all chairmen of Boards of Control must be Japanese & the majority of the membership of the Boards. Hence all schools, with exp. fostered and largely supported by missionaries, must now go completely under Japanese control.

I am in Japan. I am feeling as if I were in the States. I am feeling as if I were in the States. I am feeling as if I were in the States.

telling us all about this. This too is Japan
and not Korea. and of course they are the
ones to have their consciences noted upon
first. It just shows how the Japanese
authorities want things, but do not want
to stir things up too much in accomplishing
it. We have known for quite a while that
we were not wanted, & that they would be
delighted to see us ~~leave~~ ^{voluntarily},
and much has been done to try ^{to} make
us leave ^{side} & probably it will continue.
We were told a long time ago that they looked
to rid the country of foreigners in 5 yrs. and
the 5 yrs are about up now. However as you
notice their methods are mild so there is
nothing for you to feel anxious about. However
if some bright morning you should see
me or your doctor, you need not think
I have got T.B. or some thing dreadful that
brought me home. There are uncertain days
all over the world. You will be reading the
church papers to see what happens in Japan
& then you can give a guess as to what will
happen to us later. The world changes so fast that
perhaps none of these plans will materialize. The word
is the Lord's and the fullness thereof and we will
trust Him. If He wants no here, He has the power to keep
us here. If He wants us to go home we are ready to go.
may His will be done. I am so glad you had such a

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Pyeong yang.
Oct 28th.

Dearest Mary:-

You are probably wondering what has been doing since my last. We have been in hot water not knowing what to do. Urged to go on one hand and held back on the other! Our poor eye com. is having a terrible time as a result. I am fed. I am off from it. The Consul says we must hurry and go. while word from missionaries in China & Japan are very cool. & they think we are taking the thing too seriously. Boats are

The Methodists & the S. Presbyterians
are practically all planning to go.
But the Methodists had a call
Saturday saying they were to
"stand by" and await the results
of a conference of the various
Mission Boards to consider the
matter. Probably our Board will
be in the conference too and we
also will be receiving more
adequate word. Meanwhile
we are going through our
things and deciding what to
take. It is felt some should
"stay by the stuff" and I told the
Exec. Com. I would go or stay as they
thought best when making plans.

being sent out especially to
evacuate people and the Consul
wants us to hurry and take
them. But a letter from a friend
in Kobe says there are few missionaries
from Japan planning to go, and
that many Jews crazy to go to
America are jumping at this
opportunity. We have had word
from our Board saying mothers
and children, sick & frail people
and people whose furlough-
comes in 1941 are the people who
should go. That leaves most of
our mission on the field.

I am going to do. We are not putting the stand in (with me) I love to you both from Alice.

I want to fit into the situation in the most helpful way, and it is not for us to do what we want but what is best. We believe the Lord will direct in the care of each one of us, so if we follow Him no mistake will be made. I am feeling fine and hope you are too. Let us all keep calm & restful believing the Lord will truly direct at this important time. Your letter enclosing a copy of your receipt to Ramier McKenzie was gladly received. I would like to have it and the 71st you will be receiving & also \$1002 more from my home acct sent to my checking account so I can draw it when I need it. I would rather not have too much out here the way things are, but still want it so I can get hold of it as needed. Probably you had better not actually expect yours to me till I know what

My, it's nice to write a letter that is not

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Miss Alice M. Butts

26 Sin Yang Ri

Pyeong Yang, Korea

to be censured!

Nov. 15th.

Dearest Mary:-

Here I am writing another letter to be mailed by friends on the other side! A big boat load of people, many from all over Korea are going on it. Bus station has been hard hit! The foreign school of over a hundred children has been closed, and the children sent back home. Some are on the deep blue sea with their teachers returning to U. S. A. others are gone to different parts of China Manchuria, and Japan. A fine group of children from missionary

homes? It has hurt us terribly
to see this school close. I see then
all the broken homes when
the wives and children from
five homes go leaving the
husbands behind. Two other
men of other missions here
are also being left. If the U.S.A. does
not really mean business to it
certainly is terrible to cause all this
distress. If she does mean business
and things are straightened up out
here it is worth while.

In this letter I wanted to
speak especially about my
money affairs. Your letter
has come giving the list of checks

already received at the Bank here
and I greatly appreciate it.

There are other checks which do not
appear on your list totaling \$170.⁰⁰
but which probably have been or
will be soon sent into the Bank,
you probably have received \$71.36
from the Board. - my set salary.
(with about \$10.⁰⁰ taken off as their share
in the exchange.) I have also asked
that my November and December
salaries be sent you in the same way.
It is very difficult to get money
out of here. you can take ^{500 yen} \$100.⁰⁰ on
your passport when you go but
just recently the other main revenue
was stopped. so people are just to it &

know how to get their money out,
so I am sending the best I can.

Any checks or amounts you may
receive for me please put to my
checking account thus so I can
draw it when I want to. The

money situation here is terrible. you
should see the new money being put
out. But it is a crime to make fun
of it! A couple of fellows on the street
car were laughing as one was blowing
off a piece from the ~~the~~ palm of his
hand to show how light it was.

The strong hand of the law grabbed
him in the very act & he was
hauled off to the police station to answer
for his misdemeanor. One has to

walk circumspectly these days. The empty shelves in the shops here in the city, both Korean and Japanese are pathetic. There will be much suffering this winter. The farmers had a good crop of rice this year but the officials came around with note-books and pencils and took down how much they had and told them not to dispose of it themselves but they would come around for it later at their own prices! There is much grumbling above and below ground.

We have to keep our eyes and ears open but appear to be both deaf and blind.

We have to learn how to fence too.

One of those fellows came in here one day with his paper and pencil and wanted me to give the names of all

able women etc. that I was giving money to

This happened twice, with quite a little
time between) of course I forced to defend
the women, but I succeeded he went
off with a bow, but I was as weak as a
~~man~~ ^{man} after it was over! They grumble and
crowd and even bully sometimes but
it is nothing compared to what the
Koreans get. Poor things! If it gets to last
for us we can go to America, but what
can these poor people go! They want
to cut us off absolutely from our
means. We are maligned in the
papers. Talked against at every opportunity
all possible contacts with the people
broken as much as possible, and
people put in jail because of us. It is
terribly serious. But they ^{people} come even
so and want our comfort and help
and we are glad to do all we can for
them.

However, we are getting along fine
 anyway, taking everything all in
 all, and we "get by." When I was over
 in China last summer, they said
 we would have to have cholera
 injections to get into Peking, so we got
 ours before leaving Pitalo, but when
 we got to Peking and they had inspected
 our passports, and ^{we} came up against
 a man at the gate with an injection
 needle in his hands. Three of my
 friends were ahead. I saw how
 they did it. Punch a person's wife off
 on a dirty piece of cotton, punch another
 etc. The certificates they had were
 rejected & torn up in bits right in
 front of their eyes, and began jumping
 about, one of them got off near the

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source of supplies so get a new needle
full of clean cotton. When I saw all
this going on. I made up my
mind I would simply belt the
place. So I assumed my full height &
stepped as though I meant business
I ~~showed~~^{held} my certificate high in hand
looked him square in the eye with
no uncertain look & walked by as
though I owned the world. He looked
surprised & amazed but did not seem to be
able to summon strength quick enough
to stop me. I got by without one of
those nasty punctures. The girls were
afraid to think they had gotten it such
unsanitary conditions, and so soon
after another one. For it had been
only two or three days since we had
been injected by a missionary doctor
in Peking. However nothing happened
to them and we had a fine time
in Peking, but they felt cheap. Think me

of that injection in the midst of
 a lot of dirty Chinese & I getting by
 I am not boasting for I may get
 some info with deadfalls some
 sweet day. but somehow as for
 when I get in a tight place I get
 by o.k. one way or another.

But I am getting along fine
 my way and the Lord will
 continue to guide and protect
 I am sure.

I hope channels will be open
 and we will hear from each other
 often, but if not we know we are
 each of us in the Lord's hands
 and no real harm can come to us,
 so don't be worried if letters do not
 come as often as they should.

and I am so glad you
showing pretty things
in it from me to tell you
I like to think of you
I like to think of you
I like to think of you
I like to think of you

Besides the 3 boxes of freight you will be getting some
time I hope there will be several parcel post checks for
please send a room somewhere: so your house will not be
Please see to it that I always
have at least \$100⁰⁰ or 200 in
my account so I can draw it.
If money goes as I hope I think
it will be enough, but there may be
kitches. you may wonder why
I send money home, and then
draw it when it is so difficult
to send it home. But there are
places where American checks do
the trick better than any thing
else. because American money is
highly valued here in this part of the
world. Besides, I do not want to have
any large amount, lest the bank break
or something happens. Better to have
it in a safe place; ^{I draw as needed.} I am glad you
received the package from Pictailo W.K. I wanted
to get something nice in Peking, but they wanted
new export law there, which made it ^{impossible} to
impossible, so I got your present in Pictailo

Miss Alice M. Butts

26 Sin Yang Li

Pyeong Yang, Korea

Feb. 12, 1940.

Dearest Mary:-

This is Lincoln's birthday and it is lovely and almost a spring like thought of course we will probably have some cold weather yet though the worst is probably past. It has not been so cold as many winters for which we are thankful with all the suffering and privation in so many places.

It is about ten weeks now since we arrived here and we are now just beginning the days - getting your breakfast and evening - self - to school.

Things are going on here with me about as usual. I am always thankful when we get well into February for it usually

means the coldest weather is past. The days
get longer and spring will soon be here. - for
it comes much earlier here than it used to at
home. We have had very little snow which
with the dryness of last summer makes it
very difficult for the farmers. Water supply
for the large cities such as Tokyo and Yokohama
is very scarce. A few days ago the paper said
they had only about 5 days supply and it
was being carefully husbanded to make it
last longer. A terrific - snow storm in
the north of Japan left a snow almost to the
eaves of the one story houses. If it could
have fallen near the large cities it would
have been very welcome. But as it was it
was only a big expense clearing the streets
and opening up the roads. Later however
there had a small snow storm over at
Tokyo which is helping them out a little.

I have been re-reading your letter in which you speak of Bishop Burts ~~advice~~ ^{advice} which was exactly right, and what we have been trying to do. There have been difficult periods, such as annexation in 1910 Independence Movement 1919, etc. and it was not easy to steer the boat right. But our Institutes and Bible Class stood us in good stead and we taught the people Rom 13 1. Pet 2:13+ etc. But Christ Himself put it in a nut-shell when He said "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's." They were willing to render to God but were not so keen about rendering to Caesar. But since it was Christ's own words they won out, and the church has been an asset for good government here as every where else in the world, and has stabilized things through the years in this land. But now the attack has come from the other direction, for now Caesar wants not only ~~his~~ his things but

God's too, so that now instead of contending
that Caesar should have his dues we are
having to contend that God have His. It is
only when things ~~and~~ are on an even
keel that things go smoothly. The question
began to show itself just before I went on
furlough, and all the time I was home
I was turning it around in my mind
to see if there were not some way out
to keep peace with the Gov. for I knew if no-
went contrary a big storm and possible
destruction was ahead. I saw the kind-
that wants peace if possible, but I am
not in peace at any price to us. It must
be just and right. My decision was made
before I left America and when I was in
Berkeley with Miss Best, in the "missionary
home" these words came that at annual meeting
the lie ~~was~~ was cast in regard to our ^{school} schools
and we were beginning to pay the price. Our
station had had a hard time all the time I was
home. I know when I left that I was going to

storm center. But it was my duty and I
went ready to take whatever might come.
I have been convinced as time went on
that there was no other road to take and he
true to God and the Church we sent us out
here to establish and care for. I have felt
to this 1861 spirit settling upon me, and at
times he seemed very close, and I know
he approved of the position I am taking.
Things are at a crisis here just the same as
in 1861, only this is a spiritual warfare
up-hill, and since it is we must go on and
do as v. 13 + says. There is no such thing as "soft
padding" or "winking at things at such times as
this?" It is the age old question up again.
"God or Baal." Right, and the prophets take a
strong stand and so must we.

Our 2 American Presbyterian missions
are holding this position. The southerners
taking even a stronger stand than we.
The Australian Pres. mission is also strong.
Mission Board members from both the Southern

and I am sure have been out to strengthen
their hands. and a Methodist minister came
out and expressed himself very strongly on
the subject recommending that who was
not standing very strong. I think it might
be well to read again that book gotten out by
the Japanese for tourists which shows what
the Japanese themselves think of it. It would
also be well to get a book called "Star in the
East" to be secured from Southern P. & O. Book
Room North 5th St. Richmond Virginia.

The world is now being carried down
with the devil swimming wild as he is, and
the cause of Christ may have set back but it
cannot win in the end.

I am so glad you like the piece of Cloisemie
I sent you, and that it reached you safe and
well. I added the box and superintended the
packing in the little Chinese shop where I bought
it. They seemed to know pretty well how to do it
so it was not such a big job after all. If there was
any duty please charge to my acct. Under ordinary
circumstances I could not have bought such an expensive
thing but with the way fallen down it was very reasonable.

I suppose you will be making out our income tax
papers. Salary (about 700 dollars) same as last year and
I am in medical attention the same as before.

I hope this finds you all well and happy. I am
feeling fine and find more to do than I can well accom-
modate. With love to you and your family.

R

Pyeongyang.

Jan. 23. 1941.

Dearest Cousin Farris :-

I do not know what to do I am so ashamed of not having written sooner about your 80th birthday and all. I am glad you received my letter written last summer but at that time I did not realize you would be 80 so soon! you certainly are a pretty spry woman for that age. I hope I will do as well! They certainly gave you a fine party and you must have had a grand time!

This fall with us has been the most hectic I have ever spent out here. As you probably know things have not been going at all smoothly since I came back this last time, but this fall things were made worse.

by our American government sending out
work ^{that} the women, children, and those not
especially tied down by work should go home.
It came out very suddenly, a bolt out of the blue;
we had several meetings trying to decide what to do
and how in the world we could leave everything
so suddenly, and then would go home, load our
trunks and suit cases from the attic and try to
decide what were the most important things to
take, as we were limited as to the amount that could
be taken. One never realizes how much one has
until a time like this comes. After Executive Com.
and Board conferences and cables, it was decided
to keep as many on the field as possible and have
mothers and children go and those not well, and
those with furloughs due in another year. Boats
were coming out special to get people, and there
was considerable pressure put on us by the
Consul, & I do not think he liked the decision of our
Board and mission very well. The Methodists practically
all went, and the Southern Presbyterians. The Canadians
did about as we did, and most of the Australian
Presbyterians are here. But about half of the mission
body is gone, largely women and children. We
have a school for missionary children here in Punguany
where we had over 100 children in school, and there is
not a child or child left in one whole compound.
Most of the wives are gone and the men are lonesome.
They have gotten together in three houses and are trying
to make the best of life. Mrs. & Mrs. Berwick are the
only couple left here, and we 3 single women in this
house. So not to get too lonesome we have sets together
once a week. Last week it was here, and we had a
grand time. We sang "Happy Birthday" to one of our
number and had the vice consul from Basel as one
of our guests. He came up on a friendly mission to see how
we were getting along. By the way the Consul was not pleased
in having so many women stay, and had his own wife
booked to go on the special boat sent out, on which most of

R add two tea spoons of vinegar.
Japanese "ami" can be substituted
for the black candy but the
molasses would make much
lighter as ami is almost transparent.
We have made vinegar for years
out of gooseberries, also from white
clover. It is impossible to get many
things now days, and other things are
difficult, but we are getting along
fine now so. We have grand gardens,
and canned vegetables are our main
stay through the year.

I was sorry not to be able to
meet Harold's request and start
friendly letters between ~~our~~ boys
and boys out here. But the times
make it impossible, ~~our own~~
children have gone home, and to
try to start anything like ^{with someone} that would

be misunderstood by the ~~you~~ ^{you} and might mean severe punishment for the boys. So as he suggested I need the dollar here. - Had some clothes made for a couple of ^{poor} children and a crigge, so they can feel that their effort though not accomplishing what they wished, is doing good in keeping these poor people warm in these cold winter days.

Your box of cards came and were very appreciated. It is grand of you to send them from year to year. I have learned to count on them.

I hope your brother is getting along nicely from his operation and also that Golded Stratton's husband came through his operation all right too. I was ill with a cold so much anxiety. You speak of Faddis death. Mary told me about it as she attended the funeral held in Mansfield. I am so glad Audrie took such good care of her mother. I hope this finds you well. Please remember me to the Carrans, you write so much about them. I had a strong desire to still more in addition to what you were in. I am so glad. Yours truly, B. B. B.



Pyeong yang Korea
Feb. 27. 1941.

Dearest Mary:-

Since I have this opportunity for writing I want to say a few things difficult to say for us under ordinary circumstances.

As you probably know the war situation all over the world looks very serious for the next few months, and that situation is true here as well as in Europe. As a result many missionaries have gone home. The Methodists are ordering all theirs home. Our Board and Mission has not taken this position but are trying to keep as many here as can be reasonably kept. The last cable from our Board, received Feb. 23rd, said: "In view of most recent developments and reports, the Board and staff in joint meeting bear witness with you to the significance at this time of the missionary enterprise. Your continued presence as missionaries on the field gives vital testimony to the world ministry of good will and the indissoluble bond of Christian fellowship. Advice renewed that children and mothers who should accompany children and borderline health cases withdraw. Sympathetic consideration being given to specially arranged furloughs for separated families. Board and staff reassure you of utmost support and sustain you in prayer and spirit of the last verses of Romans 8." These verses are "For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor

principality, nor power, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Since the Board and our Executive Committee feel that it is for the best good of the work both here and in the homeland I feel that my place is to continue here. You can imagine what our continued presence here would mean to those who are trying to keep the church true to God in this land, and also the effect on the home church to see us stand by even under dangerous conditions. We are not fair weather missionaries, nor do we want our church to be a fair weather church. We have all seen many wonderful years of opportunity and growth out here. Shall we take only the pleasant things from the hand of the Lord and not the unpleasant as well? The Board has left discretionary power with our Executive Committee to act on special cases which do not come under the ^{provisions} of their cables. I do not come under any of the heads mentioned, so I would have to ask especially for it. But what reason would I give? I do not see that I am especially needed at home. Since our parents are gone, and you have Dillon, so what would I say "Present conditions"? No never. I am not a coward nor do I come from a family of cowards. and I am not a quitter either. We are the kind that face the music without flinching and we intend to do it this time. I am sure you are with me on this. I want that there should be no cause for regrets later on. I would rather be on the side of being too faithful (if such a thing is possible) than to leave my post when I should still be there, and the work be injured because I had gone.



There are all kinds of promises in the Bible to those who are faithful and to those who suffer because of their service for the Lord.

As I foresaw when on furlough, this term of service has been an exceedingly difficult one, calling for all the wisdom and skill possible to keep the boat right side up. No doubt we have made mistakes, but as a station and as a mission we have given much time to prayer and the Lord has wonderfully helped us through grave difficulties and many dangers. Time is clearly proving that He led us in a wonderful way to see into things and make wisely that first great decision which has governed all our decisions later. It has been difficult travelling the new untried road before us but the Lord has wonderfully led and overruled everything so that so far we have been safe and the testimony concerning the worship of the only true God has been maintained.

As to the future, we will go trustfully on in the path of duty as the Lord shows it to us, trusting Him to care for us. If war should come and things get serious we will probably be put together in some place and be under guard so we cannot come and go as we desire. Probably it would be difficult to receive or send letters, so you are not to worry if letters do not go to you as they should. From more or less official sources we hear that we will probably get put into two or three of our houses here on the compound and watched. As one of them said "We have to remember that there are some 300,000 Japanese in America for whom we want good treatment." Of course.

when it comes to hard boiled facts we do not know what is ahead of us. And I think as most others do that at a time like this the whole mission force should not be kept out here, nor do I think every one should go. And as for my own case since I am ~~so~~ foot free as far as obligations to others are concerned I feel it is my duty to be among those who remain so long as single women are expected to stay. If the number is to be cut down still further I will do the thing that seems best at that time. The Lord has kept me wonderfully peaceful during all ^{this} turmoil and strain when so many were going and all the uncertainty that followed. "The Lord indeed is our strength and deliverer, and truly in the shadow of his wings will I take my refuge ~~till~~ until these calamities be over past." So don't worry, we are in his loving hands and every thing is all right.

Your treasure is having our salaries kept at home now and we can draw out here as needed. This seems to be the best way all around so they will continue to send it to you of course our checks can be cashed when and where as we please. The rate of exchange is far better in China than here and I have had quite a little from there the last year or two. I have an old friend there who has an orphanage and sends to me when I wish and of course I give her a liberal proportion for her orphanage in return for her trouble. There are many orphans in China these days and money is not easy to get these hard times so this is a help to her as well as myself. So will you please send her a draft for twenty-five dollars immediately upon receiving this letter. Just say I told you to send it to her and make no other remarks as she knows what to do. Her address is Mrs. Laura Richards Nish King Tsu, Ching Lung Chiao. Wau Shoueh haw, Hsi-chih-mew-wai, Peking Peking China. also have the letter registered. Thanks so much. Please keep her address. I may have checks cashed here too. However done I intend to have enough on hand to meet my needs.

I hope you both are feeling fine and everything going nicely

With lots and lots of love from Alice

From letter to sister Mary

Easter evening Apr. 13, 1941,
concerning experiences in said March 2-29, 1941.

I want to tell you some of the things that have been carrying me through this severe trial and I know will continue to carry me through till the whole thing is finished. The Lord is teaching me some wonderful things. I have been a Bible teacher for many years and have tried to dig down into the deep spiritual meanings of His word and interpret them in a helpful practical way to His children here. But this thing has driven down still deeper and I have found wonderful new meanings and a personal contact with Christ and a deeper realization of the protection of God I had never had before. It is when we come to the end of an iron rope

that we turn in a new desperate way to behold
the salvation of the Lord.

In the first place He put an inspired
prayer in my mouth that exactly fitted
my needs. You know so many of the Psalms
are prayers that the Holy Spirit has given us
to help us to pray aright in times of great need.
He gave me the 71st. The first five verses especially.
Ps. seemed to suit me just right through the whole
me shortly after I was put in. I have read the Ps. several
times before, of course, but when I opened my eyes Bible
that was when my eyes first fell and a voice within
seemed to say "This prayer is for you and I will
fulfill it". Read it and see what a wonderful relief
that would ^{give} when I was going through the first three
of that terrible experience. It became my daily prayer
and God wonderfully answered it in bringing me out
at a time when, humanly speaking it was highly
improbable, and I am still here. The matter is not
settled yet and I do not know what lies in the future
but I do know that He who has so wonderfully
protected and delivered will not leave me now but
will see me through. I got home just as our daily
prayer meeting was closing at one of the neighboring
houses. As soon as I got home one of the Koreans ran over
and told them, and several said later, they could
hardly believe this prayer had really been answered,
and that it seemed like Acts 12 enacted over again!
what a joyous reception I did have!

Then another verse I found wonderfully fulfilled
was Ps 91:11, 12. There were a hundred and one things
to think and worry about, but somehow I seemed to be
suspended above them all. There seemed to be a
wonderful upholding power underneath, keeping
me as it were from striking ^{my feet against} some terrible stone
underneath. The 14th verse of the same Ps came to me
with special power one evening before going to sleep and
helped to make my slumber sweet. He was going to

deliver me because I had set my love
upon Him! He knows that I have loved
Him these many years so now He was
going to deliver me!

Then after I had been there about
two weeks small pox began to break out all
around me and seven cases were taken
to the first house. The rest of the Ps. then
came with special meaning and I knew
I was as safe there in His keeping as if
I were in my own home. (Every body was
vaccinated and they soon had the thing
under control.) The Divine presence seemed
to be always with me and my eyes went
upward to Him for help rather than that
some person should come and open the
bolted door. I was looking to Him to open it
when His time came and not waiting for
man to do it. Because of this I did not feel
any hatred or ill feeling in my heart
towards anyone. - I am His servant and
He would move the heart of man to do His
will when the time came, and meanwhile
I knew I was safe in His keeping.

The question of "why?" came sometimes
but the Lord answered it in Gal. 4: 18 to show
my heart was filled with thanksgiving!

By suffering ourselves we can help others who suffer! The suffering may not be the same, for there are all kinds in this world, but a heart that has suffered and learned how to claim the promises can help another to do it, whatever the need may be, in a way he could not have done otherwise. So I said "do whatever Thou seekest best to make me a better and more efficient servant of Thine, only keep in Thine own hands and have complete control of everything."

Now that I am out, I have firmness and I am not worrying or fearful of the future. It is all in His hands. As Job said (23:10) "But He knoweth the way ^{that} I take; when He hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold."

So don't worry either, and if perchance,

what man might call ill news,
should again cross the ocean to you,
remember I am held safe and secure
in the hollow of His hand and shall
trust Him to the end whatever or wherever
it may be. We missionaries have had
an easy time for many years in this
country and it will not hurt us to
taste of some of the troubles missionaries
in times past and even now have
to suffer. May some of the blessing
that has come to me be yours also at
this time when you no doubt feel
anxious. Lean on these promises
that have meant so much to me
and may He make them mean
much to you also.

Copy

Miss Alice M. Butts
26 Sin Yang Li
Pyeng Yang, Korea

May 31, 1941

Dr. J. L. Hooper,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Hooper:-

I have been wanting to write to you for some time but have found it difficult to write many letters, especially when I first came home, as you can readily understand. Then, later, I was hoping the matter would be concluded speedily and I could give you a full report as we have been told not to discuss the matter until it is settled. But things are moving so slowly I think it is time I should be writing anyway. The whole thing came upon me very suddenly and unexpectedly, as I thought all requirements had been fulfilled. It is three months now since the trouble began, and here in Pyengyang it is now in the procurator's hands, so we hope it will soon be settled.

It has all been a severe trial to me not only because of what happened to me personally but because it has involved so many besides myself. But I am thankful to say that, in answer to the prayers of God's children deep spiritual blessing has come to many because of it.

God taught me many lessons of His personal love and care those four weeks away from home and many promises in His word were literally fulfilled and I saw in a new way what a wonderful God He is. He gave me the 71st. Psalm when I first arrived there and I have been praying it ever since, especially the first few verses. And He has already answered marvelously by bringing me out, and He who has begun a good work will complete it. And I am looking for a complete deliverance. The third verse says - "Be thou to me a rock of habitation whereunto I may continually resort." I have realized as never before that God has a "strong room" for His children where none can enter to inquire, and the door to it is such verses as Philippians 4: 6,7. I have given many chapel and prayer meeting talks on these verses, but the next time I give a talk again there will be a deeper meaning to it. I actually put myself to sleep with those verses and had a good night's rest when something trying had upset me. I have found God meets our desperate needs.

Not only have I received blessing but those of us who have been left here in the Station seem to have received great blessing from their experiences. Our daily prayer meetings have more deep fellowship in them and prayers are more earnest, and the spiritual tone of everything has been deepened. God certainly meets us in the deep valleys, and these deep valley experiences will be found

to be mountain top experiences later on when we look back on them.

Our prayer is that all these things may so draw us nearer to God that we may become a greater help to our dear Korean fellow Christians, as Paul says in II Corinthians 1:4. May He be able to use us in a very special way these days. God knows what is best and we know that all things work together for good

to them that love God, so we put our hands in His and confidently leave the future with Him.

I greatly appreciate your keeping my sister and other relatives and friends so well informed, and you and they, too, I know are trusting all these things to Him, together with us out here on the field.

Word has just come that you are now our permanent Secretary which enables us to continue solving these problems together which is much easier than for a new man to try to do it. Thanks for your willingness to do it.

Most sincerely,
(signed) Alice M. Butts

The Lord shall guide thee
continually." - 1SA. 58:11

Aug. 22. 1941.

Dearest Mary:-

I have just been wording the cable to send to you on this father's birthday which I know will make you very happy. The end is now in sight of a long drawn out suspense! All this time we have not known what was going to happen. But our Executive Com. has finally finished its conversations with the Government and there will be no trial, unless we refuse to go, which none of us are likely to do! America looks lots better! So I am sending you this cable, which I hope you will receive. O. Kay
Father's birthday. Leaving for America soon. Must go via Shanghai. Travelling difficult. Father's rec. marks 3:6. " I put it nice that this is father's birthday. - born 112 years ago! I have a feeling he knows all about this affair. and has been watching it keenly. and will be happy when his son is settled in our own beloved land. - And dear mother too! God has wonderfully kept and protected and fulfilled the prayer of Ps 71, which we

have been reading and resting on these many days.

It is getting more and more difficult to get sailings, and we will have to take a smaller boat to Shanghai, and then get sailings from there the best we can either direct or via Manila. They say that after the ~~dept. 10th~~ ^{slower boat to Shanghai and} boat, (which is too soon for us to take) there is no direct boat till the end of Oct. There will be boats going to Manila sooner probably, but do not know the conditions for travel around there. I have always wanted to go to the Philippines and I would be tickled pink if I got to go, but of course that is all in the future. Anyway I hope soon to be on my way and see you at the journey's end. Won't I be glad!

As you have probably suspected, a large part of my things have already gone, but even so I find quite a little yet. We are hoping to get a truck to take all our things from our doors straight to the docks in Chinanai to put on the boat. This makes it easy. The Gov. seems to approve. There are 4 of us from here to go. Dr. & Mrs. Bernhisel, Mr. Hill and myself. This affair, it health, etc. is taking a great deal of what remains of our mission if at all we allowed to go. However we had only one told to go, to guide & they are facilitating our departure. I hope this finds you well, and that you have had a nice summer, with lots of love to you both from Alice.

Shanghai, China.
September 22, 1941.

Dear Pyongyangites:

Just as I left, I was asked by the Station to write the September letter over here and send it along as soon as possible. So here goes and I hope you receive it O.k. There are twenty four of us adults and the 4-year boy waiting for sailings. Two, Miss Hartness and Mr. Charness leave this evening on the Pierce. Some of us here to get off on the Coolidge leaving next week and the rest probably will have to wait till early November. Sailings are very difficult to get. Eleven of us, as perhaps you know, are required to go on account of this "Women's World Day of Prayer Program" which has made so much trouble for us these many months. Various reasons account for the going of the others. American boats are possible to get only from here as our nearest point, as sailings are impossible to get from Japan these days. In fact there is a family here from Japan who came over to sail on the Pierce. This "Missionary Home" is run by an English lady for missionaries coming and going on who come down from the interior on business. It is pretty full now, there being about thirty adults and several children, so all our Korean crowd could not all get in- some 4 or 5 other places in the city accommodate the others.

You will want to hear about the last happenings in Pyongyang before I left. During the summer we began hearing that the Government was determined to make some of us go on account of that program and also determined that we sign a statement. Our Council worked with the officials to get things as lenient as possible but they could not agree on the statement as they were determined that we say we were criminals- which he said none of us would sign. The alternative was a trial and probable imprisonment for those of us most deeply involved. Things hung this way for quite a while, till finally after one or two cables from the Board, which showed that their reports had been sent to Washington and taken up with our Board and the matter was put in the hands of the Executive Com. to care for on the field. But the Government was not willing to have the Executive Com. act. However, when they saw nothing would be done until the Committee met, they were finally allowed to meet in Seoul under strict supervision. It took days to finally get a statement which did not condemn us. As you can imagine there was much prayer all over the mission about this most serious situation and we praise the Lord that it came out so well. They tried to bring it down to the few most deeply involved but they said "no" the whole eleven would have to go. So here we are.

We came over in small boats from Chemulpo, in three parties. We Pyongyangites- the Bernheisels, Mr. Hill and I and Marion Hartness from Seoul being on the first boat. It took five days with poor food and men and women crowded in the same cabin. The water was rough and we were glad when we landed. Most of two days were spent at Tsingtao, but we were not allowed to go on shore. But there was a nice Christian family on from one of the churches in the Bernheisel territory and when they saw we were not allowed to go ashore they bought us a lot of lovely fruit when they returned, which we greatly appreciated.

Our getting away from Pyongyang was difficult for several reasons. One of the hardest, perhaps, was not having the use of our money which we needed more than ever to settle up everything before going, as our bank account had been frozen. Nor were we allowed to sell any furniture which would give us money. In fact, I had some of my furniture contracted for sale to make it easier to care of a sudden departure, but they would not allow even this and I had to return the contract money which added to my difficulties. Then, just at this time, travel was very limited, many trains had been taken off and the already crowded trains were worse than ever. Mr. Hill and I both had to sit on our suit cases out in the vestibule all the way from Pyongyang to Seoul. When it was decided- in fact several days before- the police wanted to know when we were going and had their men around to see that we were really packing and getting ready. We told them very definitely that we could not go unless we were permitted to take our baggage. So they finally allowed us to take one steamer trunk and five pieces of hand baggage and any

amount of freight provided it could be gotten to the Boat. This sounded nice but was impossible to accomplish because of different kinds of laws which could not be put aside or broken. The new laws which have come into effect are legion. However, it was very nice that they were willing to break enough to get our train baggage on. Some people in other places had better luck with their freight than we did in Pyengyang. I was glad that I had already sent most of mine and what is left can wait till better days come. We are hoping a way has been found and this freight gotten out soon.

There are only four now left in the station- Dr. Bigger, Dr. Aut, Arn Bergman, and Edith Myers, - a brave quartet. It was hard to leave them, but the Lord will care for them as he has for all of us till the time for going back to the home land, which looks pretty nice these days. Things have shut down tighter and tighter and if it keeps on there is no telling how long they can stick it out. But the Lord's grace is sufficient and He can keep them there as long as He sees fit or open the way for them to come home. All these experiences have been hard on the flesh, but done us good spiritually, as I know personally and have heard others say and also a blessing to our Koreans. So if by means of suffering God is glorified and others are helped, like Paul- therein we rejoice and will rejoice.

I am sending this home on the boat going to-night and am asking to have it duplicated and sent to each of you. I wish I could put a personal note on each one but of course that is impossible at this time. Perhaps I will see some of you when I get home. Anyway, I would love to hear from you. Letters addressed in care of my sister, Mrs. D.A. Gady, Box 467, Elmira, New York will reach me.

With love and best wishes,

Alice M. Butts.

P. S. Those now in Shanghai willing to go are Dr. and Mrs. Larnach, Dr. and Mrs. Blair, Dr. and Mrs. Cook, Dr. and Mrs. Gaugh, Mr. and Mrs. Brothers, Mr. and Mrs. Bruen and son, Mr. Charness, Misses Hartness, Gollard, Delmarter, G. Bergman, Kinsler, Charrocks, Hendrix, Ross, Butts, Covington Mrs. L. Henderson, Mr. Hill.

The eleven are marked *

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I will mention the loving
kindness of the LORD. - ISA. 63:7

Pyeong yang.
April 1. 1941.

Dearest Mary:-

Much has happened as you
probably know since I wrote my
last. the end of February. They were
certainly very kind to let us have
a fine birthday party here at our
house, before operations began the
next day. The three of us here had
anniversaries, I turned 20 yrs. in
Korea. Edith's and my birth-day.

M. Kinsler was leaving for U. S. the
next day, and Mrs. White's birthday was
the same day as mine! One of our
friends - from another station was
here too so we were quite a group.

You have probably heard from
other sources what has been
happening this past month. I returned
home Sat. night after being away for
four weeks. Meanwhile winter has
gone and spring is fast coming

on. The garden is being spaded up
and seeds sown. I can not say
I have not lost my weight as well
with some scales. I have not
I bring in some warm water
by myself, and these good meals a
day straight from heaven! However,
it is nice to be back in one's own
home and able to run around as
one wishes, looking at the garden and
the trees and the flowers just beginning
to come out, and the lovely sunshine
of these pretty days. I hung out my
quilt and the mattress I had
and pillow, and then ripped off
the covering to put in the wash.
The mattress made me comfortable
but was too long for the room so
I put it on the floor as long as it
would go & then turned up the end
so it made a nice ledge to rest
my pillow on, so I had something
soft to lean against during the

"The joy of the Lord is
your strength." - NEH. 8:10

Day and was very comfortable during the night. The things seen and heard and the general run of things was so different from any previous experiences that it was far from monotonous and time went more quickly than one might expect. It did not seem like four weeks at all.

It was a wonderful experience spiritually, with plenty of time for prayer and Bible reading, and a wonderful realization of the presence of God and underneath the everlasting arms. When going through the intense and painful emotional experience when I first arrived the Lord gave me in a very personal & wonderful way the first part of *Psalm* which will remain with me in a special way through life. I had five opportunities for testimony which was not received

in every case). The Lord has strange
ways His will to be done, but if we
are submissive to Him it will bring
blessing to all concerned and
glory to His own name!

I hope this has not caused
you great anxiety but that with
you also there has been a great
realization of His presence and
that we are all in His loving care!

Reading home Sat evening I sent
you a cable ^{man A} addressed to Madge
Elmira N.Y. which I hope you have
received. It said "Returned Home ^{in good condition} Oct 5/4"
Whole situation uncertain but safe in
God's keeping. Rom. 8:28. Please let me know
whether it was received. It might be
well to answer specially important ones.
^{all the missionaries} ~~Every one~~ connected with this ^{is not} ~~is not~~ ^{is not}
so far as I know - and everything is
quiet now at present here.

I hope you are both well and
that everything is going nicely with
you. With love of God
1917.

"We know that all things work
together for good to them that
love God." -
ROM. 8: 28

Pyeongyang.
April 13. 1941.

Dearest Mary:-

It is Easter evening and I want to have a nice little talk with you. You have probably hardly got your eyes open unless you have Easter caroling up and down your streets proclaiming the fact that Christ is risen.

I want to tell you some of the things that have been carrying me through this severe trial and I know will continue to carry me through till the whole thing is finished. The Lord is teaching me some wonderful things. I have been a Bible teacher for many years and have tried to dig down into the deep spiritual meanings of His Word and interpret ^{them} in a useful, practical way to His children here. But this thing has driven down still deeper and I have found wonderful new meanings and a personal contact with Christ and a deeper realization of the protection of God I had never had before. It is when we come to the end of our own rope that we turn in a new, separate way to behold the salvation of the Lord. In the first place He put a prayer in my mouth that exactly fitted my needs. You know so many of the Psalms are prayers

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latted door. I was looking to Him to open it
when His time had come, and was not
waiting for man to do it. Because of this
there was not hatred or ill feeling in
my heart towards any one. Some His spirit
will be would move the heart of man to do
His will when the time came!

The question of "why?" came sometimes
but the Lord answered it in 2 Cor. 1:4. Oh how
my heart was filled with thanksgiving!

Manila, P. I.

Nov. 13, 1944.

Dearest Mary:-

It is about 10 days since we arrived and we are having a grand time. We arrived on Sunday, absolutely penniless! Chinese money is so bad we were told not to take it, & those who did lost half. We thought we could cash travelers checks on board, but it was a French boat so nothing doing! They did consent to take one check to cover the boat fare - we all chipping in on it. So when we landed Mr. Smith who came down to meet us went first haste up to his house and got enough to cover our immediate needs till Sunday morning when we could go to the office & get what we needed. We are being well taken care of. I can now use my personal bank checks if I wanted to as this is U.S.A. So I am well fixed.

We were here 4 days and then left for our crowd when to up to Baguio, the ^{mountain} ~~mountain~~ place 6 1/2 hours out from Manila. We went 3 hrs by train and 1 1/2 by auto bus over splendid roads, up & up for 5000 ft. above sea level, where the ~~at~~ statey pine takes the place of the coconut trees on the plain. We nearly rested in Manila but up there they had a wood fire in the sitting room after supper.

The auto fire drive we had was grand. There is a fine group of young people up there attending Language School getting ready to go to China when things general. It is a branch of the Peking Language school. About 60 fine young Americans of faith are preparing to take up the work. It makes no older ones take courage. God is not through with the East yet. At the Hotel where we staid

There was a group of air men, who had just flown over a bunch of planes to be sent on to Batavia. Fine capable looking fellows. Camp John Hay is there where soldiers are being trained. We also saw cadets from The West Point of the Philippines. Several of them were at church on Sunday. Fine looking Filipinos.

We came back here to Manila on Tuesday and found we had secured sailings on the Pres. Coolidge going about Nov. 25. Even though we have our tickets I know our cabin numbers people tell us not to be too happy for all boats are now under government control and if things get serious out here the Gov. might commandeer the boat and our hopes be broken to smithereens. But why worry. The Lord has brought us thus far and He will care for us. About half of our number are planning to stay here for a while any way, and hell be here. The fact that English is so well known makes it very attractive to stay. But for myself, I feel I should go on home. Though I am O.K. yet I am tired and have been under a strain and it is best for me to go home and rest. Then after furlough I might consider work here if the door is still closed in Korea. But that is too far off and the Lord will direct when the time comes.

To morrow we go out to Lagasfia, one of our country stations, for the week end. It is a but 12 hr. trip on the train but those who went last week report a grand time. I am feeling fine and am greatly enjoying all this sight see.

There are so many things to notice, such as the presence of the Filipino flags side by side with the U.S. flags. Where you see one you see the other. The refusal of allowing the Koreans to keep their flag has caused much distress of mind & helped to keep the Koreans restless.

Coming up from the boat we ~~came~~ ^{drive} along Dewey Boulevard a lovely drive along the bay, with grass lawns at the side and places for people to sit down in the cool. In the evening and watch the sun go down. One of our party remarked about the loveliness of it all to the drives and he said the Spaniards had been here some 300 years and never did anything like this, but the Americans came in and in all a short time they had done this and a lot of other things. The people seem to be very happy, but like all tropical peoples are not very susceptible.

It has been a long white and

I have heard from you, - some 4 months
or more. I hope you are well and
everything going nicely. I had thought
of stopping along the west coast and
seeing some of my friends, but
now I am afraid I will have to ~~hurry~~
to get there in time for Christmas to
enjoy it with you.

It is time to mail this and
get my packing done to go to ^{Manila} ~~Marina~~
We leave on the 5:25 train ^{with my things} and days
are longer here in the tropics.

We are having a sharp tropical
shower. It comes down without
much warning, - like Honolulu
with lots & lots of love to you
both from Alice.

Congress Hotel

Manila

P.S.

Honolulu.

Dec. 17. 1941.

Dearest Mary:-

Here we are at last at the time we would normally be in San Francisco, but we were glad to be here safe and sound, though we had to take a round about trip to get here. Most of the way the water was smooth and it was lovely cruising along. We passed lovely islands and there were birds. But I did not see the wild man of Borneo or the cannibal on Fiji, but even so the trip was very enjoyable. The news of war came to us, but even so we were comfortable & nothing unusual happened being under the loving protecting care of our heavenly father, who not doubt protected us from many unnumbered and unknown dangers.

I am afraid I will not have Christmas with you but love

to be there by New Year. The
acts of boats these days are
very uncertain this day. They
have not even told us when
we leave here or how we are
going etc. But when I do
arrive I will let you know.
There is nothing to talk
about but they have the course
on, so and I want this to go
through. I am feeling fine
and did not suffer sea sickness
much so the trip would
have been very comfortable
were it not for the uncertainty
around us. I hope you
have not been too anxious
about us, as there are many
rumors about us to what
we have said about our
boat the last few days.
Pine Longstreet's son,
Pine Jr. is also here, but
have not been able to see

himself. He is 1st class and
we tourist & the door is
kept locked between us.
There are 9 of us Koreans & 2
from Japan under our
Board besides missionaries
from other Boards. so we
have had fine fellowship.

I have felt terrible about
the anxiety I know you
have felt, and have prayed
that comfort may be given.

We are safe in His keeping
and if we leave this world,
even though it be sudden,
we know a happy home
with loved ones await us there.
Being a Christian with the
Christian hope means a
lot these days.

Must stop for now
Hope to see you soon.

Loveingly

Alice



Return to J.M.

Golden Age Rest Home,
Lower Maple Ave.,
July 20, 1963.

Dear Friends:

I wonder how you are enjoying the summer when we can get out and animals more easily have vacation and enjoy ourselves more. Blair must have had a wonderful trip in Korea last summer, and I greatly enjoyed reading copies of the letters sent back to you telling about it. I greatly appreciate receiving them and want to thank you for all it meant doing it. Although things are different from what they were when I was there, the people are the same and places are also familiar so it was fascinating reading. I wonder if he staid out there for a year as he thought of doing or come home to finish his education. Perhaps later he will decide to go out and be a third generation of the Moffetts in Korea.

Your church paper "The Presbyterian Times" still continues to come which gives such a good picture of your church work and all you are doing. It must keep you pretty busy but no doubt you enjoy doing the Lord's work for it is really the most satisfying work one can put his hand to,

How happy your father, up there ⁱⁿ heaven
^{must be} to see all his sons engaged in Christian full time
work down here. He can understand the full
value of it all up there ^{better} than we can down here.

As for myself I had to leave my home
in Mansfield on account of illness and have
been here in this Rest Home instead of returning
home as it seemed better for one of my age to be
where I can be properly cared for than try
to care for the responsibilities of my own home,
even though I had someone with me which
I find is not so easy to get. I try to get out
doors for exercise twice a day for exercise and
seem to find plenty to do one way or another
for myself and others so time does not hang
heavy on my hands for which I am very thankful.

Today we had the sun eclipse but if
it was as stormy and cloudy up in Maine
where the view was supposed to be the best, they
must have had a hard time seeing it. However
I did see it when it was flashed on the T.V. for
a moment before it became a full eclipse. What a
wonderful universe this is and how much more
wonderful is God who put it together and makes
it run so smoothly. Well I must close so good-bye
for now and best wishes to you all from Alice Butler.

Sept 8, 1907. - Jan 3, 1916 = 8 yrs. - 4 mos,
Jan 1, 1919 - Feb 26, 1945 = 26. - 2 mos
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March 18, 1907. - Jan. 3, 1916 = 8. 2,
June 28, 1916, - Feb 26, 1945 = 26. 8,
34.17

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